MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ മൂന്നു മാസത്തെ ആവശ്യത്തിനുപോലും നെല്ലു കിട്ടാത്ത ആളുകളുടെ പക്കൽനിന്നും നെല്ലെടുത്തിട്ടു അവർ റേഷൻ വാങ്ങിച്ചുകൊള്ളണമെന്നാണോ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : അതെ.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The honourable member shall take his seats. When the president is on his legs, the honourable members must be seated. Also when any honourable member on behalf of the Government is speaking, the other honourable members must be seated. When any of the other honourable members is speaking, the members of the Government will be seated.

Distribution of food materials.

17. *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether complaint has been received from any person by any authority regarding the distribution of unwholesome food materials and if the answer is in the affirmative what measures have been taken by the Government in the matter ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes; stringent instructions have been issued to the Depot Officers not to distribute materials which may have become unfit for human consumption.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON : May I know what punishment has been meted out to those persons who were at fault ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : They have been severely warned and given strict instructions that only what is fit for human consumption should be distributed.

Food Grains.

18. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent by Government in purchasing food grains ; and

(*b*) the amount realised on sale of food grains ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Rs. 1313·62 lakhs (till the end of 11/1119.)

(*b*) Rs. 786·98 lakhs (till the end of 11/1119.)

Tiruvalla Taluk Food Advisory Committee.

19. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the functions expected to be performed by the Tiruvalla Taluk Food Advisory Committee ; and

(*b*) whether the members of the Committee are elected representatives from the Pakuthi Committees or are they nominated by the Government ?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The functions of the Taluk Committee are to collaborate with the Officials in the purchase of paddy, distribution of foodgrains and to furnish information regarding scarcity of foodgrains or mal-adjustments, if any, in particular localities and to render such assistance as is possible in the securing of excess stocks.

(*b*) No. They have been nominated by Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Would the Government think that it would be more useful to have non-officials on the Advisory committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: There are non-officials already on the Advisory Committee.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Why should they not be elected? Further, is there a proposal to elect members?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Not at present.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Would there be much expenditure if the procedure of election is resorted to?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, there might be.

Purchase and sale of food grains.

20. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the business of purchase and sale of food grains in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 was financed from "current revenues" or "surpluses" or by raising loans;

(*b*) the amount invested from each of those heads; and

(*c*) if loans were raised,

(i) how they were raised;

(ii) the party or parties from whom they were raised;

(iii) the terms and dates on which they were raised; and

(iv) whether they are subsisting today?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The programme of purchase and sale of foodgrains was being financed from the cash balances of Government, supplemented when found necessary, by short term overdrafts from the Imperial Bank of India on favourable terms.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Loan raised for the purchase of food grains.

21. *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government had to raise any loan to finance the purchase of food grains; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative:

(i) what is the amount so raised;

(ii) rate of interest on the loan;

(iii) from where the Government raised the loan;

(iv) what are the conditions of loan so raised; and

(v) what is the amount so raised from outside the State of Travancore?

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